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1. RE PARAGRAPH 2 REF (D), OUR INITIAL ASSESSMENT THAT JAPANESE REQUIREMENT FOR REFRIGERATOR LINE-CORDS AND PLUGS VIOLATED NATIONAL TREATMENT PROVISIONS OF GATT ARTICLE III WAS BASED ON ASSERTION PARAGRAPH 1 REF (A) THAT THE LINE CORDS AFFIXED TO IMPORTED REFRIGERATORS HAD TO BE JAPANESE-MADE. IN VIEW OF CLARIFICATION CONTAINED REF (B), I.E., THAT REQUIREMENT IS TECHNICAL ONE APPLICABLE TO BOTH JPANAEE AND IMPORTED PRODUCTS, WE AGREE THAT GOJ MIGHT WELL ARGUE THAT REQUIREMENT DOES NOT VIOLATE GATT ARTICLE III. ISSUE, THEREFORE, APPEARS TO BE REASONABLENESS OF REQUIREMENT.

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2. AIRGRAM WITH FULL ASSESSMENT OF COMPLAINT REPORTED REF (A) TOGETHER WITH SUGGESTED APPROACH TO GOJ BEING FORWARDED.

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